

LIVING DUAL LIFE CAUSE OF SUICIDE, SAID DR. HOTCHKISS

Physician Left Letter Telling
Why He Ended
It All.

Friends of Dr. Samuel C. Hotchkiss, assistant surgeon in the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, who ended his life by swallowing a combination of several powerful poisons, were shocked today when they read the remarkable letter left by the physician, in which he said the strain of a Jekyll and Hyde existence had proved more than he could stand.

The first intimation that friends had of Dr. Hotchkiss' dual personality came today when the letter was made public. Lying in a clump of bushes in a vacant lot in Fairmont street, between Fourth and Fifth streets northwest, the physician's body was found late yesterday afternoon. In his pockets were boxes and bottles that had contained powerful poisons, and in the opinion of the coroner the man ended his life by taking at least two or three of these.

Dr. Hotchkiss had been missing since about 8 o'clock Monday night from his home, 1229 Harvard street northwest, where he lived with his mother, Mrs. Helen C. Hotchkiss. A boy running across the lot found the body and notified Thomas H. Green, of 501 Fairmont street, who, in turn, notified the police. Letters and papers in the physician's pockets established his identity.

Dr. Hotchkiss' Letter.

"This is a terrible ending of a mis-spent life," wrote Dr. Hotchkiss. "I don't ask for sympathy, for I deserve just what I am giving myself. I have been a hypocrite, for I have deceived pure persons who believed in me. I must have been insane when I did what I did. I had no idea of doing what I did until twenty minutes before it happened."

"The impulse seized me and I did not resist. I have always been a coward, and have never been open and above board. I have lived two kinds of lives. I have associated with the best and worst elements of society. I have always gone alone and so none of the good people knew of my other side. My mother gave me every opportunity to amount to something, and this is the result. I wasted my time. Never learned how to think and have always been physically or mentally lazy. Be kind to those who have entertained me. They didn't know of this side of me or what sort of a person I really am."

"I think I have been insane for the past month. Although I have been contemplating suicide for some time, I have broken every trust imposed upon me."

"This act is worse than murder. I hope people who believed in me will be able to keep their sanity. They tried to help me in many ways, but, of course, did not know the depths to which I had sunk, and I didn't realize I could do such an act. To think that it would end like this! Fifty those who loved me and try to comfort them. This is a terrible crime to them, terrible crime to society, and to God. I have not believed in God for late years, but I do now and that I hope he will keep the other friends forever. They don't deserve this—they don't deserve this. I have deceived them. They knew nothing of this side of me. This is frightful."

On the edge of the paper in pencil was written: "I am killing myself because I couldn't finish my report—that is what got me off the tangent."

Three Years in Service.

Dr. Hotchkiss was thirty-two years old and unmarried. He was appointed to the Government service about three years ago, and had been service on revenue cutters in Alaska. He had made a good record in the service, and was about to start on an important assignment in connection with the study of diseases to which miners are subject. He had been working hard for several weeks, and friends believe overwork was one of the things that caused his mind to be affected.

At the office where Dr. Hotchkiss was employed it was said that there was nothing about his work to have caused him a great deal of worry over the report which he mentions in his letter.

Since he had been in Washington Dr. Hotchkiss had been taking vocal lessons and had participated in several concerts. He enjoyed a large acquaintance in musical circles. Born in Michigan, Dr. Hotchkiss attended Oberlin College, and later took the medical course at the Western Reserve Medical School in Cleveland. Arrangements for the funeral are being made today.

TREASURY CLERKS WILL SUFFER CUT

House Pruning of Appropriation
Bill Below Secretary's
Estimate.

A mild shake-up in the personnel of the Treasury Department is threatened as a result of the conference action on the Treasury appropriations, cutting many items. A number of employees are liable to suffer a cut in salary, though it is not likely that there will be any reduction in force.

Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh had completely planned the work ahead with a strict eye to economy and efficiency in the department. Estimates were cut to the bone, and in many instances letters were sent to Congress suggesting further cuts that the Secretary had figured as possible.

The House made these cuts and then some. An appt. was made to the Senate and the items were all restored. When the appropriations bill went to conference, however, the House members of the Conference Committee succeeded in holding to some of the cuts made by the House.

Should the bill meet final approval in its present form, a complete reorganization of the Treasury work, and a partial reorganization of the working force will be necessary.

Defeated Candidate Killed In St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 7.—Michael F. Smith, secretary of the Jefferson Club, who was defeated for the Democratic legislative nomination in the Sixth district yesterday, was found dead early today. The police say he was murdered. His body was found in a gangway west of the Jefferson clubhouse at 3539 Olive street. His head was badly bruised.

Probing New York Graft Charges



HENRY H. CURRAN.

Chairman of the Committee Appointed by the Board of Aldermen to Investigate the Charges of Police Graft Growing Out of the Confession of "Bald Jack" Rose, Lieutenant Becker's Alleged Collector. He Declared that the Police Collected \$2,400,000 Yearly from Gambling Houses and Other Illegal Resorts Which Were Allowed to Flourish in New York City.

TAKES NEW PLACE UNDER COLLECTOR LOEB IN NEW YORK

Frederick A. Collins Made
Special Deputy to Succeed
Dell Baker.

Frederick A. Collins, former private secretary to Public Printer Stillings, and for many years, an employee of the Government Printing Office, began his service today as special deputy collector of the port of New York, under Collector Loeb. Mr. Collins went to New York with Collector Loeb, as his private secretary, and was appointed special deputy collector to succeed Dell A. Baker, a few days ago. He was eligible under the civil service for his new appointment because of the fact that he had relinquished a civil service place in Washington to become private secretary to Collector Loeb.

Mr. Collins is a Washington boy and a product of the Washington public schools. He entered the Government service as a stenographer at the Government Printing Office, and when Mr. Stillings was made Public Printer several years ago, he made Mr. Collins his private secretary. He continued in the service at the Government Printing Office until Collector, then Secretary, Loeb asked him if he would not like to go to New York.

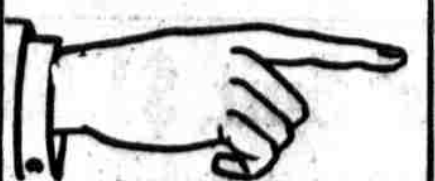
The deputy collectorship in New York pays an annual salary of \$3,500.

Attend Grand Aerie Session of Eagles

William H. Clark and Col. Robert L. Montague are representing Washington, No. 12, Fraternal Order of Eagles, at the annual meeting of the Grand Aerie, now being held in Cleveland. The Grand Aerie decided yesterday to publish a national magazine for the benefit of the order. Local eagles welcome this announcement, as they always have felt that such a magazine was needed.

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BURNS DETECTIVES SEEKING PROOF FOR ROSE ALLEGATIONS

Lieut. Becker to Be Arraigned
Again Today—Gambler
Tells of Graft.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—With Detective William J. Burns and his corps of sleuths working to substantiate the charges in the 16,000-word alleged expose of Lieut. Charles A. Becker's complicity in the murder of Herman Rosenthal, and general graft alliance with the underworld, preparations were made today to arraign the accused lieutenant for the third time on the charge of procuring the murder of the gambler.

Former Assistant District Attorney John F. McIntyre, perhaps the most experienced criminal lawyer in New York, today entered into the case as counsel for Becker, and after an early conference with the latter in the Tombs started his machinery in motion in an endeavor to riddle Rose's charges.

Rose handed his confession to Mr. Whitman last night, just as the latter was leaving the West Side court prison, where Rose is confined. It is written in ink, and covers thirty-eight pages of foolscap paper. Parts of it are statements made previously by the gambler, but Rose declares that the statement is the absolute truth, and any different statements made earlier by him are inaccurate.

Rose tells in detail of the method he alleges Becker adopted in getting evidence against gambling houses, the keeper of which had refused to pay protection money to his agents. He tells how these recalcitrants were brought to terms speedily, and of the money collected monthly. He furnished to District Attorney Whitman the names and addresses of twelve gambling house proprietors from whom he alleges he collected sums ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 a month, all of which, he says, he turned over to Becker.

These exchanges of money, Rose alleges, were made in his home in West 110th street in the presence of his wife, and frequently in the presence of servants. The names of several of the servants are included in Rose's statement.

But Rose's statement is not confined exclusively to his relations with Becker as the latter's alleged collector. The final six pages of the confession are devoted to a detailed account of the shooting of Rosenthal.

He tells how he was in constant communication with Becker while at Harry Pollock's house. Most of these communications, he says, were over the telephone. Others were through Sam Schepps. He tells of the visit of John W. Hart, Becker's first lawyer, to Pollock's house to see him, stating that Hart gained admission to the house by using a signal which had been agreed upon previously.

LIVE WIRE KILLS ELECTRIC LINEMAN

Colored Worker Held Aloft by
Deadly Current When
He Falls.

Suspended high in the air on a live wire, James Henderson, a colored lineman, employed by the Potomac Electric Power Company, was electrocuted yesterday in the presence of several fellow workmen, who were powerless to aid him.

The accident happened at Seventh street and Rhode Island avenue northeast. Henderson was working on one of the trolley poles along Rhode Island avenue. These poles also carry the electric light wires, passing through which there is a current of 2,400 volts.

Progressives to Meet In Alexandria County

Citizens of Alexandria county will meet a week from tonight at the engine house in Clarendon to organize in behalf of the Progressive party.

All citizens of Alexandria county, without regard to past party differences who are interested in the nation-wide movement to elect a progressive candidate for President of the United States and to regain our country from the grasp of dishonest political bosses are invited to assemble, says the call for the meeting, which is signed by A. S. Woodland, member of the State executive committee.

Have You Seen Munsey's Magazine For August?

It contains an article on the present political situation which every thoughtful person—man, woman or child—should read.



The New Progressive Party

What It Is and Why It Is

By Frank A. Munsey

It is not merely interesting—it is instructive as well. It throws a light on the peculiar and unprecedented political situation of today, which places the New Progressive Party fairly before the people on its merits, and every thoughtful, earnest person, who has the welfare of his country at heart, owes it as a duty to himself to read it carefully.

There are many other interesting and readable features in the 184 pages of the August MUNSEY, including a complete novel, "The Message of Buckshot John," by Charles E. Van Loan.

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